SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, Catherine Walters was appointed by the Governor to the Crime Victims Reparations Committee. And I, as Chairman of the committee, was absent when she was interviewed by the committee but I understand that she made a very favorable impression, in fact, some members of the committee encouraged her to run for the Legislature in that particular district. I didn't ask Jim Cudaback what he thought about that, but that was one of the comments I heard afterwards. She is an outstanding nominee. She is the mayor of Cozad. She's lived in Nebraska all of her life and has been active in numerous community activities, but I'll just mention a few things that she has done recently, things that she's been appointed to. She was asked by the Governor to serve on the state Housing Board, the Nebraska Housing Board. She has been serving on the Juvenile Advisory Board for the Crime Commission. And she has also been entered in the Who's Who registry of global business leaders. I think she is an outstanding nominee and the committee did forward her nomination for consideration by this body.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Any discussion on the Government Committee confirmation report? Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members, I would just like to reinforce what Senator Schimek has said, all but the one part, naturally. Cathy Walters is a great person. She is outstanding. She is the mayor of Cozad. She brings much to us. And she is a representative of the people and I would encourage her to run for the Legislature next...next time around. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Any further discussion? Hearing none, Senator Schimek, do you have a closing? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No closing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: No closing. The question then is the adoption of the Government Committee confirmation report. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.